

# Center Picked Right Time For Open House

By Karin Bartow

The Cohasset Swim Center launched its 6th summer season last weekend with an open house on Saturday and Sunday.

Ninety-five degree temperatures brought out droves of swimmers who splashed and

frolicked in the Center's freshly filled and paid pools. Several hundreds of children and adults cooled down and honed their strokes, flops, and dives. Pool staff, trustees, officers, and friends attended a wine and cheese reception at poolside on Sunday evening.

Eugene K. Price, president, is proud and expansive when discussing the Swim Center. In his opinion, it is a first-rate facility with highly qualified personnel and excellent programs. Also a trustee, Price is in this third year as president. Not a swimmer ("I grew up in Brooklyn," he explains), Price's involvement stems from his interest in and enjoyment of young people, and an inherent sense of community commitment.

The Swim Center is a stellar example of his kind of community commitment.

Price will tell you that if it weren't for John Meyers, past and first president, there

wouldn't be a Swim Center. Mr. Meyers, however, is modest about accepting that accolade. Now farming and raising animals in rural Maine, Meyers said in a recent phone conversation, "I can't take all the credit. It was the result of a lot of people." He, then, was the catalyst.

It all began with the Cohasset Swim Team which in 1966, entered the South Shore Swim League with 100 swimmers. They were enthusiastically supported by parents and managed their practicing in private pools and the ocean. The team moved from the bottom of the league to second place in 1970, and won the championship in 1971. The number of swimmers had doubled and they were in need of their own facility.

With Meyers coaching, the pool project was under way. Recalling that effort, Meyers said, "Sometimes there is a lot of division in a small town over an idea like this, but everyone was really together on this one." They received 500 donations — many small and some large — and were able to purchase the four acre tract of land off Sohier Street and construct the pools and pool building.

The Swim Center is held in private trust, but Meyers points out, "It is a Town pool, open to all residents of Cohasset!" Membership is also open to people employed in the town, and for those who cannot afford the fee, scholarships are available from the Center through the Social Service League.

The trust is endowed, however operating costs are raised each year through membership fees. Although costs have more than doubled in the past five years, a family membership has remained at \$50. Anonymous gifts and donations are received from time to time and help make capital improvements possible. This year the basement of the pool building has been transformed into a large meeting/function room that will serve not only the Center, but any other town organizations or groups that request it. It is fully heated, air-conditioned, and waterproof! It is attractively paneled, with a kitchen

area at one end, and will be furnished with chairs and table, pool and ping-pong tables, and a movie screen. This equipment will get welcome use on rainy days or during sudden electrical storms.

Six full-time and one part-time lifeguard will be on duty at the pool this summer. All have had first aid and CPR training and are fully accredited with the Water Safety Instructor Designation (WSI) which, says Price, "demands grueling and tough requirements be met." Accreditation includes annual testing and 30-40 hours of teaching each year. The teaching requirement led, in part, to the wide range of programs offered by the staff.

Albert Buckley, Jr. is Pool Director and has been on the staff since the pool opened. He was a swim team member and graduated this year from Boston College with a degree in elementary and special needs education. His educational background led to the Center's program of Adapted Aquatics, which is instruction for special needs children, or those who have difficulty learning to swim. Some of these children have gone onto regular Red Cross swim classes and Buckley likens this to "mainstreaming" (which is the inclusion of special needs or handicapped children in the regular, public school classroom).

Other staff are William Reynolds, Assistant Director in charge of maintenance; Pam Becker, Assistant Director of Programs; E.T. Price, who will help coach the Swim Team; Erin O'Brien; Lisa Kijer; and Abby White, part-time, and head coach of the Swim Team. All of the staff have extensive training through Red Cross lessons and teaching, and years on the Swim Team. They all live in Cohasset.

Other programs include Water Babies (informal sessions for one to five year olds and their Moms); adult lessons; and Senior Citizen swimming. The pool is used by the Red Cross, the Cohasset Swim Team, and the Cohasset Recreation Department weekday mornings. The schedule provides separate swim times for children and adults and other diversities such as early morning lap time; Saturday morning games and splashtime; and informal pick-up games on Tues. and Thurs. evenings.

Cohasset Swim Center Trustees are Mrs. William C. Cox, Mrs. A. Werk Cook, Mr. John Meyers, Richard Leggart, William Weeks, Rev. Richard Muir, Eugene Price and Dr. Robert Sceery.

Officers include: Eugene Price, president; Robert J. Knox, executive vice president; Mrs. Albert Buckley and Patrick McCarthy, vice president of budget and operations; Mrs. Nancy Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Irene Brown, treasurer; Hamilton Tewksbury, maintenance chairman; Mrs. Helen Pratt and Mrs. Diana Karcher, special programs chairmen and Mrs. Marjorie Knox, membership chairman.

## Obituaries

### Barbara Pfaffmann

Private memorial services have been held for Mrs. Barbara (Kelly) Pfaffmann, 70, of 82 Pond St., who died June 10 at South Shore Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Pfaffmann was born in Evanston, Ill., and lived in Providence, R.I., before moving to Cohasset. She attended Mary C. Wheeler School and the Rhode Island School of Design.

Mrs. Pfaffmann was a charter member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and was its horticultural chairman. She also belonged to the Mass. Horticultural Society and the Mass. Amateur Horticultural Society Committee for the Spring Flower Show.

Mrs. Pfaffmann leaves her husband, Karl; a son, Fritz of Cohasset; a daughter, Mrs. Karla Fogg of Eastham; a brother, Burnham Kelly of Ithaca, N.Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Geddes of Providence and Miss Ellen Kelly of Arlington, Vt.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mass. Horticultural Society, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston 02115, or the American Cancer Society, 247 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 02116.

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A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased praying that Robert C. Simeone of Wakefield in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor named in the will without sureties on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon on July 25, 1979.

Witness, Robert M. Ford, Esquire, First Judge of said Court at Dedham, the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine.

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